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Privatisation of Rail Services
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any plan to privatise some of its services and allow private company to do such works; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the areas and sectors where private participation has been allowed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): There are no plans to privatise the railway services. However, outsourcing of certain facilities like cleaning, pay and use toilets, retiring rooms, parking, ticketing etc. is done on need based manner to improve efficiency. As per the sectoral guidelines for Domestic/Foreign Direct Investment issued in November, 2014, private participation is permissible in suburban corridor projects through Public Private Partnership (PPP), high speed train projects, dedicated freight lines, rolling stock manufacturing and maintenance facilities, railway electrification, signalling system, freight terminals/logistics parks, passenger terminals, railway technical training institutes, testing facilities, concessioning of standalone passenger corridors, non-conventional sources of energy, mechanized laundry, bio toilets, technological solutions for level crossings and to improve safety.
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